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In re Application of: Vankatraman et.al.)
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Filed: 06/30/03)) Examiner: Unassigned
For: TRANSDERMAL DRUG DELIVERY)
DEVICES COMPRISING A)
POLYURETAHANE DRUG)
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A completed PTO Form 1449 listing each reference which is not a U.S. Patent application is submitted herewith, and it respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of the PTO Form 1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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The Examiner is hereby requested to consider these references and other information and make them of record in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are patentable over the above-cited references and information. Examination and allowance of this application at an early date are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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